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### TRAGEDIES OF LIFE

**Jack.**  
Jack was a potential genius. He could play wonderfully on the violin. But he was only one of a large family and his people were very poor. They dreamed of his future and made sacrifices for him. They bought him a violin and paid for a few lessons. When he was about twelve years old a wealthy woman heard him play. She called him a prodigy and promised him the finest instruction. The promise was never carried out.

The struggle for bread grew more intense. Like the rest of his family, Jack was forced to meet it. The violin was put away, and the flame of his genius burned low and finally went out.

He is now selling neckties in a department store.

**Helen.**  
Helen was a beautiful woman with a soul. She decided to become a great actress. For years she worked toward this one end. She gave up everything for her art. And at last she was about to realize her ambition. The Great Master was to give her a part that seemed made for her, and star her through America. The contract was about to be consummated when the Great Master suavely explained the terms upon which he was to make her famous. And she, being a woman, spat in his face. But her career was ended.

She is playing in a small stock company. And her eyes have a dull, hopeless look.

**Eloise.**  
Eloise had a voice. Teachers said she would be another Patti. So her mother mortgaged their home and sent her to Europe to study. And in order to make ends meet Eloise rented a garret. It was poorly ventilated and without heat. She used to go to bed to keep warm.

It was in the second year of her stay when everything looked bright and the Masters felt her future as a great star was assured that she contracted a terrible cold. She is dying with consumption in the little mortgaged home.

### AN ANSWER

The world is beautiful for you. The sky is soft and blue. The air is clean and full of fragrance. The flowers grow for you—white lilies, blood-red roses, gentle violets, orange flowers and all the others that love you. The trees are tall and strong for you—the sun has turned their leaves to silver.

The waters ripple for you, and the great ocean breaks its waves for you, against the shore.

For you, the birds sing. For you the air is vibrant with their songs. For you all love and gladness wait. For you, for you the world is beautiful.

You say the world is beautiful for me! But I—I toll in a dark factory year by year. There are no flowers here, not any birds. And when the moon comes out at night I close my eyes, they are so hot and full of pain.

I hear the ceaseless shudder of the wheels. The air I breathe is full of dirt and smoke.

Your world, it may be beautiful. But ours is full of darkness and pain. Your world, it may be beautiful, but not for those who struggle in the shadows for a crust.

### THE SEA

Blue is the sea and bright. Full is it of gladness and joy. The great waves dash in laughing whiteness on the shore. The waters stretch in peaceful, endless calm. The rippling waves are silvered with the sun. Oh, calm and lovely sea, how beautiful thou art! I sit and watch thee, filled with joyous calm. I long to dance with thy bright waves, to glide on your glad waters, to play with you—for you are kind. Oh, sea! I love you so!

The sun has gone.  
The sea is dark and gray. It stretches its dull shape to meet the darkening clouds, no darker than itself. And sea and sky are mingled in a deadening mist. The black waves break upon the rocks. The mournful sound of them fills me with dread. The darkness covers us. The dampness chills my blood. I hear the ceaseless sounding of the waves. Is that a dead face there amid the rocks? Is

that a white face here where all is black? Oh, pitiless and cruel sea, I am afraid—I am afraid!

### THERE WAS A MAN

There was a man who was a philosopher and a dreamer. And he started to climb the side of a tall mountain, thinking that he would find wonderful flowers at the top.

Tirelessly he toiled upward, with eyes for nothing but the distant mountain top. He did not see the beauty of the flowers which grew around his path, but crushed them with hasty feet. He did not see the glory of the sunset and of the sunrise; he did not listen to the voices which called to him as he passed. But he hurried on with eyes only for the distant mountain-top, thinking of the wonderful flowers which he felt must grow there.

And at last, after he had become an old man, he reached the top. But there was not a single flower there—only ice and snow and a Great Silence. And when the man saw he cried aloud with agony. And for the first time he thought of the flowers that he had passed by so hurriedly. But he knew that he could not return to them. And his sobs were lost in the Great Silence.

### THE ROSE BUSH

There was a rose bush once that was a pale and sickly thing. It had never borne a single flower.

And people said to the master of the garden: "Why do you not pull it up and throw it away? A poor, sickly thing like that can do no good. It only mars the beauty of your garden."

But the master of the garden only smiled and watered the rose bush more carefully and loved it more tenderly than all the other flowers.

And it came to pass that after many years the rose bush put forth a bud, a single bud. And the bud grew and grew until one day it burst forth into a beautiful flower—a flower of such marvelous beauty that the like of it had never been seen in all the world before. And people came from all over the earth to gaze upon it. And when they had beheld it they cried out with joy, and ever after they were better men and women.

Soon after the rose bush had put forth this marvelous flower it curled up its leaves and died. But the flower lived forever in the hearts of men.—Exchange

### SECRETARIES IN AIRPLANES

Symbolizing the progress made by transportation by aeroplane, Hugh S. Pomeroy, secretary of the Burbank Chamber of Commerce, has extended invitations to all of the chamber of commerce secretaries in Southern California to visit the Burbank celebration to be held on July 2, 3 and 4 by aeroplane, stating that he has made arrangements for the planes to leave from various convenient points throughout the Southland, as far north as Santa Barbara and as far south as San Diego.

The celebration will include an air carnival with 350 planes in the parade; a rodeo with 500 contestants competing for \$10,000 in cash prizes; an electrical parade with 200 floats from various Southern California cities, and the first showing of a sacred film, "The Visualized Version of the Bible," which will be flashed simultaneously on six screens Sunday evening.

In addition to the above features, there will be a Mardi Gras and street carnival, for which several of the popular bands have been retained.

The big celebration is being given by the Burbank Memorial Association for the purpose of assisting and raising funds to build a memorial hall, and has the active support of the American Legion, Red Cross, G. A. R., Spanish-American War Veterans, Boy Scouts, Lady Relief Corps and kindred patriotic and civic bodies.

There will be free camping grounds and a huge tent city, with accommodations for 10,000 people.

### WHERE SUN ALWAYS SHINES THERE IS A DESERT

No garden grows forever in the sun!

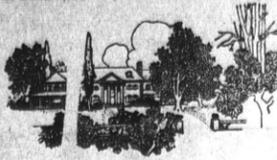
Dry is the earth and bare where no rain falls and water flows not. Flowers grow not there; no sweet birds sing. And there is only emptiness and waste.

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